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METHOD FOR PREPARING DENDRITIC CELLS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed 27 November 2001 (Paper No. 7), the Office requested Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the ments from the following groups:

- A). GM-CSF
- B). IL-4
- C). TNF- α
- D). IL-3
- E). c-kit ligand
- F). fusions of GM-CSF and IL-3
- G). CD40L
- H). CD40-specific antibody

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group A, the species drawn to GM-CSF. Currently, claims 12, 15 and 29 are considered generic.

CONCLUSION

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any issues could be resolved, or if the prosecution of the application could be

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expedited, by a telephone conference, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (206) 389-4145.

Respectfully submitted,

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